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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING - COST  
SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979

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1. GUIDANCE REMAINS AS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NATO APPROV-  
ING A 5 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM THAT IS INADEQUATE  
TO MEET THE MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS ENDORSED BY MNC'S.  
MNC'S HAVE ENDORSED MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OF  
IAU 926 MILLION. OUT OF THIS PROGRAM, IAU 583 MILLION  
ARE CLASSED AS MOST URGENT DURING 1975-79 PERIOD. A  
LOW CEILING WILL LEAVE LITTLE ROOM FOR CONTINUATION OF  
THE PROGRAM FOR AIRFIELD PROTECTION, MODERNIZATION OF  
NATO'S COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF URGENT FACILITIES

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FOR MILITARY FORCES STATIONED OUTSIDE THEIR NATIONAL  
BOUNDARIES.

3. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE, DURING DPC DISCUSSION, US POSITION IN FAVOR OF FIVE YEAR (1975-79) INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING AS NEAR TO IAU 600 MILLION AS POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF THE ESCALATION IN CONSTRUCTION COST WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE 1970-74 PROGRAM, AND IS CONTINUING, IT WOULD REQUIRE A 1975-79 PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT

HIGHER THAN THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PROGRAM TO SIMPLY CONTINUE AT THE SAME RATE OF CONSTRUCTION. KISSINGER

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